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Column One
By David Courtney

I suppose every period of history is transitional. A few Conservative "backwoodsmen", the tattered remnant of "isolationism", a Gallic banker or two, the Moslem Brotherhood and its like, may try to keep history standing still or even to turn it backwards.

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THE present transitional direction is supposed to be towards a broad international unification, of which N.A.T.O. is sometimes put forward as an example and of which U.N. is a portent. That may indeed be so. Superficially, however, the evidence, while not of a trend towards international disunity, is of a developing movement towards fragmentation. The latest batch of new U.N. members includes certain countries that have sprung into sovereignty from dependence or semi-dependence on wider units. This example of the fragmentation trend must, of course, be judged side by side with the fact of U.N. membership, which these countries now enjoy and which, let us hope, is an example of the unification trend.

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THE trouble is that upsurging nationalisms are moving more swiftly towards the one goal than towards the other. Fragmentation is easier than unification. With Jordan, Libya, Cambodia, Ceylon brought in their sovereignty to U.N., a new crop of surprising sovereignties is on the way, led by Sudan. Yesterday the Sudanese Chamber of Deputies unanimously resolved that Sudan must become a "fully sovereign republic," and, as both Britain and Egypt appear to have accepted all the implications of Khartum's decision (in spite of the unconstitutional manner in which it was made), Sudan should begin to enjoy *de facto* independence in a matter of days

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BRITAIN'S last proconsul, Sir Knox Helm, has resigned and there will be no successor. In his place will be a "regency" commission to be appointed by the Chamber of Deputies. The whole process has gone relatively smoothly except for the mutiny in the South. Britain seems to have behaved generously and there is no evidence of any ill-will towards this, the most conspicuous and effective member of the condominium.

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ASSUMING all this sovereign fragmentation to be desirable, it must be said that Britain has not done at all badly by its former colonial or semi-colonial dependencies. India, Burma, Ceylon and now Sudan have been raised with Britain's help to the highest national status. Forms of self-government have been introduced into the black Protectorates. Self-government has been promised to Singapore. The special privileges given to Britain by the old Anglo-Egyptian treaty have been surrendered. And now, if you please, Malta is on the verge of being given Parliamentary representation at Westminster.

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THE Malta proposals represent a quite new British experiment in what I have called transitional history—which, of course, is just plain history going about its normal business from generation to generation. It is a nice experiment. It is friendly and comradely, and when the report of the round table conference on whether Malta should send representatives to the House of Commons was laid on the table of the Island's Legislative Assembly on December 16, the Prime Minister, Mr. Mintoff, said: "This is a glorious day for Malta." And of Britain's part he said: "Would that all small nations could meet in future with the same generous treatment that has been Malta's lot in these bright days."

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OF course, this is not the end of the Malta story; and not all Maltese think the way Mr. Mintoff does. No matter. Good has been done by, and good has been said of, Britain; and the one is not often admitted nowadays, or the other often done. Perhaps the time for that cannot be until history's current transition spurt has ended and we can see where, as a consequence, we are: fragmented or unified or both.

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El Douga Syrian position on the eastern bank of Lake Kinneret are here shown on a sketch map captured by Israel troops last week. The map shows the trenches and gun positions. The arrow indicates the position of the bazooka, six metres from the shore.

Syrian Aggression Exposed

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Proof that Syria regarded the north-eastern corner of Lake Kinneret as her territory without the slightest legal basis for the claim was contained in a document seized in the Israel Army raid of December 11, Sgan-Aluf Yuval Neeman, Deputy Chief of Intelligence, told the Press here today. Although the Israel border runs 10 metres east of the Lake, standing orders signed by General S. Shukeir, the Syrian Chief of Staff, almost a year ago, ordered Syrian troops to open fire on Israel vessels entering "Syrian territorial waters," which he defined arbitrarily as 250 metres off-shore.

The documents also confirm that the Syrians had established positions inside the 10-metre coastal strip, with the intention of establishing a hold on part of Israel's territory by force.

The Israel delegation to the U.N. has been instructed to place the documents before the Security Council, the Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday. The Council will be asked by the delegation to take action during the course of the present debate to put an end to Syria's declared aggressive intentions. These constitute a flagrant violation of the General Armistice Agreement and are a direct threat to Israel's territorial integrity, the spokesman stated.

On Sunday, when the incriminating documents were finally sifted from the mass of papers taken in the raid, they were brought to the attention of the U.N. and a U.N. officer initialled them.

General Shukeir's order, dated March 14, 1954, was repeated several times in various documents. It reads:

"There have been cases of clashes between our outposts on the shores of Lake Tiberias and Israel military craft and fishing boats, resulting from a misinterpretation of the orders with regard to opening fire or because of unfamiliarity with the limits of the Syrian territorial waters of Lake Tiberias.

"The following instructions should be carried out:

"1. Syrian territorial waters in Lake Tiberias shall be considered as extending 250 metres from the shore.

"2. Fire is to be opened at Israel vessels as they cross the 250-metre limit of the Syrian territorial waters."

The orders were issued three days after a serious incident had occurred on the lake. The next day two Israel boats were damaged by Syrian fire. On November 8, a week after Israel had informed Syria through the U.N. that the winter fishing season was about to begin, identical orders with those of General Shukeir were issued by Colonel Shaham Nofal, Commander of the Southwestern Zone of the Syrian Army.

Experience has shown that the orders were scrupulously obeyed. Indeed, among the documents seized was an "Order for the defence of Douga outpost," a locality situated somewhat to the south of Kursi village, from which an Israel boat was shelled on the December 10 incident which touched off the Israel raid. The mission of this outpost, the order said, was "last-ditch defence." Its armament consisted of one Hispano-Suiza gun, two light machineguns and one bazooka.

The Hispano-Suiza, which was to be emplaced on a "tongue of land 50 metres south of the outpost or, alternatively, 30 metres to the southeast," was taken out of the position just a week before the December 11 incident. The bazooka, however, a Belgian-made "Blendicide," was established "in front of the outpost at a distance of six metres from the shore." The orders were that, on the approach of an Israel vessel, the position was "to open effective fire, on confirmation by T.Q. and in accordance with the fire plan and fire orders."

The bazokka's task was "(a) the destruction of boats approaching the outpost within effective range; (b) destruction of armour approaching the outpost from north and south." A note added that "The Local Guard (Es Hals il Mahali) will participate in the defence of the outpost under the orders of the outpost commander."

The officer commanding the post was Murkash (Junior Lieutenant) Walid Yusef Ali, who is now in the P.o.W. camp. Interviewed by a U.N. Observer on Sunday night, he said that he had a section of the regular Syrian Army and a section of the local guardsmen with him on December 10. When the Israel boat was

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Selwyn Lloyd Is Appointed British Foreign Secretary

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter). — Sir Anthony Eden tonight announced important changes in his Cabinet, including the appointment of Mr. Selwyn Lloyd as Foreign Secretary in place of Mr. Harold Macmillan, who becomes Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Selwyn Lloyd

The former Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. R. A. Butler, is liberated from departmental duties to become the Prime Minister's principal aide. He is given the "sinecure" office of Lord Privy Seal.

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U.N. Assembly Session Ends

UNITED NATIONS, Tuesday.— The U.N General Assembly ended its 10th session today. The last act of the historic meeting, which finally broke the long stalemate over admission of new members, was to break the stubborn deadlock over the vacant seat in the Security Council.

The seat went to Yugoslavia. It had taken seven sittings and 36 ballots to obtain the necessary two-thirds majority on the issue. The Assembly voted 43 to 11, with 13 abstentions, in favour of Yugoslavia, after that country had won in a private lottery with the Philippines to decide which country should take the first year in a "split term" compromise arrangement.

The Assembly President, Mr. Jose Maza of Chile, accepted "moral responsibility" for this plan when it was put to the Assembly last Friday. But it fell through then. Today, Mr. Maza made no reference to the lottery or the "split term." He merely called on the Assembly to vote for the 36th time to fill the vacancy on the Council.

Over the week-end and yesterday, delegations conferred intensively and consulted their Governments before finally agreeing to the election of Yugoslavia without being committed officially to the compromise arrangement.

Britain, the Soviet Union, and most of the European states had supported Yugoslavia on the ground that the seat to be vacated by Turkey on December 31 had been allotted to East Europe under a gentleman's agreement reached in 1946 on geographical distribution of the non-permanent seats on the Council. The U.S., which led the supporters of the Philippines, argued that the 1946 agreement was no longer valid and that the Philippines should be chosen in view of the under-representation of Asia on the Council.

Balloting had been going on since October without result. The figures on the 36th and final ballot also included one vote each for Finland and Sweden. There was one invalid vote. The required two-thirds majority was 32, which Yugoslavia obtained with five to spare.

PAKISTANI-SYRIAN TRADE PACT SIGNED

KARACHI, Tuesday (Reuter).— Pakistan and Syria concluded a trade agreement last Sunday, it was officially announced here today. This first trade agreement between the two countries is subject to ratification by their respective Governments and will run for a year after ratification. It will be renewed automatically if no notice of termination is given by either party three months before expiry.

U.S. WHEAT FOR EGYPT

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (UP). — The U.S. yesterday issued an official authorization to permit Egypt to buy some $5.5m.-worth of American wheat and pay for it with local currency. The action was taken under terms of a previously announced agreement between the two countries. It will mean about 77,000 metric tons of wheat for the Egyptians.

Majali Cabinet Falls; U.S., French Consulates Stoned

Diplomats Seek Safety in Israel

Jerusalem Post Staff

The American and French Consulates in the Jordan sector of Jerusalem outside the Old City, were attacked yesterday by a Jordanian mob of between 300 and 400, it is learned from diplomatic, consular and U.N. personnel who yesterday crossed into Israel, some of whom evacuated their families. The American flag was torn down and either carried away or torn to ribbons on the spot.

Under the chairmanship of the Dean, the Spanish Consul-General, Don Pedro Lopez Garcia, the members of the Corps met at noon at the Spanish Consulate in Talbieh and, it is learned, adopted a resolution deploring the lack of protection afforded by the Jordanian authorities and demanding that the guards at the consular buildings be strengthened. This was in fact done, and the number of guards was doubled. Six instead of three, for example, were posted at the French Consulate in the Sheikh Jarrah Quarter, which was hardest hit (although France has made no secret of her opposition to the Baghdad Pact) in yesterday's disturbances, that were apparently an echo of the rioting the day before.

On the whole, yesterday's demonstrations were much quieter than those which occurred on Monday, but cars were stoned sporadically and until 4 p.m. when a curfew was imposed ending all civilian movement in the streets, shots were fired, mainly in the air, by policemen. The curfew, however, was the signal for the consular and U.N. staff to bring their families over the lines to Israel. Two American couples who were touring Jordan also sought shelter in Israel.

The staff of the Turkish Consulate, which was the focal point of Monday's attacks, remained in the New City yesterday.

Mob Harangued

Immediately after the funeral of the four persons killed on Monday, the mourners, estimated at 300 persons, were harangued by several speakers near St. George's. One of the demagogues was finally carried off on the shoulders of the demonstrators who made for the Saudi Arabian Consulate to congratulate the Consul on the dissolution of the Jordanian Government, which they regarded as a victory for the demonstrators.

The crowd, which quickly became an unruly mob, then decided to go from one foreign consulate to another and force them to fly their flags at half mast as a sign of mourning for those killed on Monday.

At the American Consulate, not far from Mandelbaums Gate the mob took hold of the metal flagpole situated just inside the garden wall and "bent it double." They did not enter the Consulate building itself.

At the French Consulate, the demonstrators stoned the building and broke into the garden. They were met at the door by M. Patrice de Beauvais, Consul-Adjoint, who left his sick-bed (he was badly beaten in his car on Monday) to stem the attack. The mob left the garden "littered with stones." The women clerks, meanwhile, had been sent up to the roof for protection.

The Union Jack was not flying when the mob approached the British Consulate.

Among the persons who brought their families to the New City on Monday were Col. Charles Brewster, Chairman of the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission, and a member of his staff.

M. Beauvais, his head almost completely swathed in bandages, crossed yesterday with baggage and belongings.

(A Cairo Radio report, which could not be confirmed from other sources, said last night that Old City rioters had stormed the Kishlek Prison, inside Jaffa Gate, earlier in the afternoon, releasing all those who had been detained following Monday's demonstrations.)

At the request of Mr. Slator C. Blackiston, American Consul, the Israel authorities permitted the entrance of the two American couples on very short notice and waived almost all formalities.

They are Mr. Harry F. Sedwich and his wife Helen of Wilmington, Delaware, and Mr. Kenneth M. Monroe and his wife Margaret of Santa Barbara, California. Both couples are staying at the Y.M.C.A.

It is learned that the Israel authorities have acceded to a request by Mr. William Cole, the American Consul General, to permit the evacuation of all Americans now in Jordan to Israel on short notice if the situation deteriorates.

The Turkish Consul General, Mr. Hakki Kentli, whose hand was injured on Monday when he held off the rioting mob, appeared yesterday at a Christmas party given by General E. L. M. Burns, U.N. Chief of Staff, at U.N. Headquarters. Mr. Kentli's hand was bandaged.

LEGION DOES ABOUT FACE

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Arab Legionnaires, on guard at Mandelbaum Gate in Jerusalem, turned their backs on Israel yesterday and faced towards the source of danger — Jordan.

Hashim to Form Caretaker Regime

King Hussein of Jordan yesterday appointed Ibrahim Hashim, President of the Senate and former Premier, to form a caretaker government. This followed the collapse of the five-day-old Majali Cabinet which failed to control riots and demonstrations against its announced intention to accede to the Baghdad pact.

Five persons have been killed in the riots, which yesterday developed into a strike, resulting in the closure of Government offices as thousands of civil servants, as well as doctors and lawyers, suspended work in protest. Shops and business establishments remained closed for the third successive day, and the entire Jordan press went on strike. Amman was a ghost town.

The King charged Hashim, who is also a member of the Regency Council, with the task of forming the Government in order to supervise the general elections, which must take place within four months of yesterday's dissolution of Parliament. The King stated in his letter of appointment that this would be Hashim's primary task, as well as the restoration of order and assuring "justice for the people." It was apparent that the new administration would not attempt to make any foreign policy changes.

Hashim, 67, is a Palestinian and has held a number of ministerial posts since 1922. He was Premier from 1933 to 1938, and again in 1945. He began consultations to form his Cabinet yesterday. Dr. Fawzi Multi and Samir Rifai, two ex-Premiers, agreed to join.

Majali yesterday reiterated that he would continue his efforts toward Jordan's adherence to the Baghdad pact. He pointed out that Jordan could gain "enormous benefits" by agreeing to the British proposals, and that 30 of the 40 parliamentary deputies have agreed that this would be Jordan's best solution to the problems besetting her.

Security forces mounted guard on the Western embassies in Amman, as demonstrators shouted anti-Western slogans and "Death to Majali and Nuri e-Said" (Iraqi Premier). The demonstrations in the Jordan capital were held in defiance of a strict ban on assemblies. They were addressed by opposition M.P.'s and other notables.

Suleiman Nabulsi, former Ambassador to London and head of the Nationalist Socialists, Jordan's only legal political party, and Shafik Irshidat, an opposition deputy, were among those arrested.

Cairo Radio last night claimed that three demonstrators were killed and another three wounded in Amman.

Reports from Damascus told of demonstrations in the Syrian capital against the Baghdad pact powers. Strong guards were placed at the Western, Turkish and Iraqi Embassies.

(ANA, NEABS, Reuter)

Arab League Chief Gloomy on Peace

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (INA). — The outlook for an Arab-Israel peace is not encouraging, Abdul Khalek Hassouna, Secretary-General of the Arab League, said yesterday after meeting with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

Diplomatic sources said that Hassouna had mainly discussed the Israel-Syrian clash with Mr. Dulles and told him that the responsibility for war, if it comes, will rest with Israel. He told reporters later that U.S. support for the construction of Egypt's Aswan High Dam was a start in the right direction for American policy.

PRESIDENT RECEIVES SHARETT

President Ben-Zvi yesterday received Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett who returned from the U.S. on Monday.

Britain to Tighten Arms Export Control

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter). — The British Government plans new controls on the export of surplus military equipment, a Foreign Office spokesman said today when questioned about British tanks which are reaching Egypt through Belgium.

He told a press conference that under the new regulations, British shippers would have to disclose the ultimate destination of such equipment.

Britain was unable to intervene in time to prevent the shipment of 15 former British Army Valentine tanks from the Belgian port of Antwerp to Egypt, he said when questioned whether Britain had been in touch with the Belgian Government in an attempt to prevent the despatch of the tanks.

Legal Problems

The spokesman mentioned a reply to a question made in the Commons on December 12, stating that measures were being introduced to tighten up the regulations governing the export of surplus military equipment. He said that "certain legal problems" made it impossible to prevent the shipment of the 15 tanks in question when their true destination became apparent after they left Britain.

Asked what concern of Britain it was if the tanks were shipped to Egypt after their export from Britain, the spokesman said, "It is our concern to see that nothing is done to stimulate an arms race in the Middle East."

The "Daily Express" today featured an Antwerp dispatch from its correspondent who witnessed the loading of the 15 Valentine tanks into an Egyptian steamer: "Then a strong-arm squad of Egyptian sailors closed on me, waved spanners, and manhandled me into the dockside mud. One sailor roared, 'You're an Israel spy. I'll kill you.'" The Valentines were bought from a British Army dump by a businessman, Joseph Peters, who paid £200 each for them.

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HERE & NOW

U.S. Plans $100m. Fund to Counter Soviet Penetration of Middle East

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (Reuter). — Secretary of State Dulles said at a press conference today that the Administration would ask Congress next year to provide a $100m. foreign aid fund to meet the challenge of Soviet economic penetration of the Middle East.

Mr. Dulles revealed the new fund when describing in some detail the Administration's proposals to ask Congress for $4,900m. for military and economic aid programmes for the fiscal year 1956/57. The Middle East fund would be included in this figure.

In a prepared statement read at the opening of his press conference, Mr. Dulles also questioned the motives of the rival economic aid programmes of the Soviet Union and expressed the hope that "Soviet economic aid is not offered as a Trojan horse to penetrate and then take over independent countries."

Asked to say how he felt about prospects of peace in the Middle East, Mr. Dulles replied that there were no new facts which justified any great optimism, although he was "encouraged by the fact that there was discussion of his proposals of August 26. On the other hand, the recent Israel attack on the Syrian border seemed to set back U.S. hopes, he added.

In his prepared statement, Mr. Dulles said: "At the last session, the Administration asked Congress for about $1,800m. for the economic part of our mutual security programme. Congress granted about $1,700m.

"For the military part of the programme, the Administration asked for about $1,700m., although it contemplated spending at a rate of about $2,500m. Congress granted about $1,000m.

"This year, it is expected that the Administration will ask for about $1,900m., for the economic part of our mutual security programme.

"I understand that the military backlog has been reduced to a point where it will probably be necessary to request an appropriation of about $3,000m. in order to sustain the military aid programme at the current level of spending."

Accordingly, requests to Con-

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Kaissouni in London For Aswan Dam Talks

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter). — Egypt's Finance Minister, Abdul Munim el Kaissouni, today conferred with Chancellor of the Exchequer Richard Butler. They discussed Western plans for financing the $1,300m. High Dam at Aswan, on the Upper Nile.

Kaissouni arrived in London early today on his way from Washington carrying details of the Anglo-American proposal for aiding Egypt to finance the giant dam — to be the biggest in the world.

The Anglo-American offer was announced in Washington last Saturday, but details of the financial aid were not disclosed. It will take the form of a grant towards the foreign exchange cost of the first phase of construction.

The Western aid plan — still to be accepted by the Cairo Government — followed a Russian offer to help in the building of the dam.

Apart from Mr. Butler, other British ministers at the meeting at the Treasury were Mr. Anthony Nutting, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, Sir Edward Boyle, Economic Secretary at the Treasury, and Mr. R.A.W. Low, Minister of State at the Board of Trade.

Earlier, Dr. Kaissouni lunched as the guest of Foreign Secretary Harold Macmillan.

U.S. Conditions for Arms to Israel

NEW YORK, Tuesday (INA). — Israel will be allowed to buy a "limited" quantity of U.S. arms under two stringent conditions, according to Robert S. Allen's nationally syndicated newspaper column.

The Washington columnist reported that these conditions are: categorical commitments to refrain from clashes with the Arabs, such as the recent one with Syria; and that the American weapons would be used only for defensive purposes. He said that Secretary of State Dulles will inform Israel of this decision in the near future. Details regarding the amount and price of the arms are still undetermined.

The Pentagon authorities have notified Mr. Dulles that the weapons desired by Israel are available for purchase, but no recommendation was made as to whether they should be sold. This silence is owing to the fact that the view of the military authorities was not requested by Mr. Dulles, the writer said.

He added that Israel's list includes 96 jet fighters, as well as tanks, artillery and small naval vessels to counter the submarines Egypt reportedly is getting from Russia. Congressional leaders understand that there is wide variance between the Pentagon's "price tag" on these armaments and that of Israel. The former put the value of $50m. on them, and the latter around $30m. The plan being considered is for Israel to buy weapons under the "reimbursable section" of the Mutual Security Pact, which permits arms to be sold at cost to friendly nations if they agree to use them solely for defence and internal security.

U.S. Press Features Israel Peace Plan

By JESSE ZEL LURIE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK, Tuesday. — Israel's so-called "peace-plan" received wide publicity in the American press and radio, and appeared on the front pages of all important newspapers today.

No new proposals were made. The Israel Embassy simply gathered together various suggestions made by the Israel Ambassador, Mr. Abba Eban, in speeches in the U.N. and elsewhere, and issued them to reporters. Together they make up an impressive list, giving the lie to press reports of Israel's "rigid stand" on suggestions for peace.

LONDON 'IGNORANT'

LONDON, Tuesday. — The Foreign Office said today that it knew nothing of Washington reports that Israel had offered the State Department a plan for peace with the Arabs.

The spokesman said that the British Government had not been informed of such proposals and "as far as we know they have not been made."

In the Commons today, Chancellor of the Exchequer R. A. Butler said that Sir Anthony Eden hopes to have "a full discussion on Middle East problems" at his forthcoming meeting with President Eisenhower. A Labour member, Mr. Arthur Henderson, had urged the Prime Minister to suggest to the President the possibility of having a U.N. policing force on both sides of the Israel-Arab frontiers. Mr. Butler said that Sir Anthony did not want to commit himself to any specific proposal in advance.

The leader of the opposition, Mr. Hugh Gaitskell, asked whether the Prime Minister's discussions with the President would cover the problem of how best to implement the tripartite guarantee.

Mr. Butler replied that he could not give specific assurances that any particular item would be discussed. But all these matters were of such importance that they were almost bound to come up. *(UP, Reuter)*

Egyptians Fire On Patrol at Kisufim

Two Egyptian positions on Monday directed automatic fire at an Israel patrol in the vicinity of Kisufim in the Western Negev, the Army spokesman announced. Our forces, which did not return the fire, suffered no casualties.

Reuter quotes "Egyptian sources" in Gaza as saying that three Israel soldiers and one Egyptian were killed in 70 minutes of fighting south of Gaza on Monday. Three other Israelis were wounded, they said.

Egypt complained to U.N. officials that an Israel force had crossed the truce line to a depth of 60 yards and had then fired on an Egyptian border patrol. It was immediately engaged by the patrol and Egyptian rear positions gave support, according to Egypt's version.

The U.N. spokesman in Jerusalem said he knew nothing of an Egyptian complaint.

Vehicle Strikes Mine

An Israel vehicle on Sunday afternoon struck a mine in the vicinity of Beerotayim in the Nitzana Demilitarized Zone, the spokesman announced yesterday. The vehicle was damaged, but there were no casualties.

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Members of the Diplomatic and Consular Corps, the Mayor of Jerusalem, the District Commissioner, the Chief of Staff and other senior Army officers, the Director General and senior officials of the Foreign Ministry and members of the United Nations staff were among the guests at a Christmas cocktail party given last night by the Chief of Staff of the U.N. Truce Supervision Organization, Major General E.L.M. Burns, in the ballroom at Government House.

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A reception for Mr. David Morse, Director of the International Labour Organization, and Mrs. Morse was held by Mr. A. Becker, head of the Histadrut Trades Union Department, at the Histadrut Executive Building in Tel Aviv yesterday. Members of the Histadrut Central Committee and representatives of the Labour Department of the Manufacturers Association were among the guests.

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ARRIVALS: Mr. A. Dobrovolsky, the new Commercial Counsellor to the Russian Embassy in Tel Aviv, with his family; Dr. K. H. Fraenkel, member of the Board of Directors of the Swedish State Power Board and head of its Efficiency Department, on the invitation of the Institute of Productivity; Professor A. Tartakower, Chairman of the Israel Section of the World Jewish Congress, after a visit to the U.S. for research on behalf of the Congress; Dr. N. Wydra, Manager of Shoham, from six weeks in the U.S. and Europe on company affairs; Dr. N. Robinson, Senior Lecturer in the Physics Division at the Technion, from the U.S. and South America.

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An exhibition of paintings by Alice S. Acheson, wife of the former U.S. Secretary of State, was opened at Z.O.A. House in Tel Aviv yesterday. The proceeds of sales are being donated by the artist to Magen David Adom.

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Dr. Curt Wormann, Director of the Jewish National and University Library, who recently returned to Jerusalem from Europe, will speak on the International Congress of Libraries and Documentation Centres in Brussels and his visits to other European countries, at the Terra Sancta building, Hall 31, at 5.00 p.m. today.

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Mr. I. Gustav, Manager of Moulin Rouge Restaurant Bar, Tel Aviv, has left for Europe to enlist artists for his new programme. *(Advt.)*

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MEMORIAL MEETING

A memorial meeting on the occasion of the first anniversary of the death of Leopold Krakauer, the artist and architect, will be held at 5.30 this evening at the Bezalel National Museum in Jerusalem. The cellist, Mark Rozalsky, will perform and Mr. M. Narkiss and Mr. H. Rau will speak.

PICARD BACK FROM VISIT TO GREECE

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday. — Professor L. Picard, Chairman of the Department of Geology at the Hebrew University, returned to Israel yesterday after two weeks in Greece at the invitation of the Greek Government. He was invited through the U.N. for consultations on subterranean water-prospecting. He has submitted his preliminary recommendations, and will return to Greece in the spring.

ON THE AIR

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6.00 a.m. Morning Programme (Haifa only). 6.30 Service. 6.55 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Morning Melodies (R). 9.00 Close Down.

12.00 N. "Music at Noon" Jacqueline Francoise. 12.30 Opera: Tchaikovsky: "Eugene Onegin" — Third Selection. 1.45 Break for Music: René Le Roy (Flute) (R). 2.30 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Oriental Music (R). 4.15 Siesta. 4.30 Working Women. 5.00 Weekly Talmud Lesson. 5.30 Youth Corner. 6.20 "Evening Star." 6.45 Bible Reading. 7.15 Young Artists: Recorders Quartet; Leading: E. Markus and Gdalia Braut (Viola), Arieh Sachs (Harpsichord). 7.45 "What's New in Science." 8.00 Cantoral Requests. 8.30 Twenty Questions. 9.15 Newsreel. 9.30 "Literary Corner." 10.00 Vocal Recital: Mitzi Locker (Soprano) & Mira Salomon (Mezzo Soprano). 10.25 Classical Requests Programme: Beethoven: Piano Concerto in C op. 15. Smetana: "Vltava." Conductor: Arturo Toscanini. 11.15 "In a Late Hour." 11.45 Nocturne. 12.10 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
427, 440, 225, 246, 41.9 & 32.3 M.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR (32.3, 34.9 & 440 M.): 5.30 p.m. Programme for Tasseliten. 5.45 Advanced Hebrew Lesson—Dr. Kamrat. 6.00 Light Music (R). 6.30 French. 7.00 Yiddish. 7.30 Ladino. 8.00 Persian. 8.15 News in Easy Hebrew. 8.30 Rumanian. 8.45 Hungarian. 9.00 Close Down.

HOUR SION LAGOLA (32.3 M.): (South African Programme): 2.30 p.m. News. 2.40 "My Job." 2.45 Greetings. 7.00 Hebrew Lesson for Beginners.

11.15 p.m. News. 11.25 "My Job." 11.30 Greetings. 11.45 The Week's News.

ARABIC PROGRAMME (463, 238, 223 & 229 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Songs — Requests. 7.00 News. 7.10 Conductor of the Week, Anatole Dursty. 7.30 Tomorrow's "Rumbana." 8.00 "Zahal's Orchestra." Conductor: Rav Seren Shalom Rikliz. 8.30 Folk Songs. 9.00 News. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.30 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS: (31.70, 19.48, 16.84, 25.15 M.): 7.30-8.00 p.m. News, News Talk, Radio Magazine.

Drainage Can Prevent Flood Losses

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Tuesday. — Israel need not suffer from flood damage. But, although every year, drought years excepted, damage is done to crops, farm lands, city sites and dwellings, there is a lack of appreciation for the need and value of drainage which could save heavy losses.

The situation was such that probably more is being spent each year on post-flood rehabilitation than on holding the floods back, even without taking account of the "invisible damage" done to soil productivity, Mr. Ben Zion Kinori, Director of the Drainage Department of Tahal, (Israel Water Planning Authority) told the Press here today. He revealed that a draft Drainage Law had been worked out which would divide the country into "drainage regions" with the boundaries fixed according to hydrological properties. The Law, passed to the Government for action, would give impetus to drainage schemes and planning that could stop the flood bugbear once and for all.

Mr. Kinori said that the country also suffered no less from "wet soil," an "invisible problem," caused by surplus rains which did not drain off and saturated the top soil unless dealt with by suitable drainage schemes.

About 70 to 80 per cent of all our farmlands, the Negev included, suffered from this. Where proper drainage was instituted, wheat crops had increased from 50-60 kilograms per dunam to 160-170 kilograms. If applied everywhere drainage could save the Treasury millions of dollars on wheat imports. Farmers showed no understanding for drainage needs and were satisfied with smaller crops.

During the Mandate period small scale, localized drainage projects had been implemented. Now, however, comprehensive regional schemes on a national scale were needed to save our lands. The work would take six to seven years and millions of pounds but the investments would pay off about four years after the work was completed. The problem of soil salination, caused by saline deposits from irrigation, which a small rainfall could not flush, must also be solved by drainage. The problem was especially acute in the Negev. Mr. Kinori estimated that a dunam of irrigated land would produce IL55 worth more crops if drained, and would save $45 in food imports.

NARGILEH NEWS

Forty sticks of hashish bearing the trade mark "Ben-Gurion" were found by the Alexandria police during a raid on the house of Mohammed Achmed el-Milhi, alias "Hamamah," in the Bacus quarter recently, Cairo's leading "Al Ahram" daily reports.

This new brand of hashish is especially manufactured in Israel, the paper reports, quoting the Egyptian Anti-Narcotic Office in Alexandria.

FATE

TRENTO, Italy, Tuesday (Reuter). — Guido Morandini, a one-eyed cowhand, lost his remaining eye here last night when a cow he was milking gored him in the face. The same cow poked out his other eye three years ago.

TRAPANI, Sicily, Tuesday (Reuter). — A 63-year-old ex-Sergeant Major, who spent more than 20 years of his military career as an armourer, was killed here when a pistol he was repairing for a friend accidentally went off yesterday.

SYRACUSE, Sicily, Tuesday (Reuter). — Salvatore Interliti, a 41-year-old bricklayer, fell 40 feet from scaffolding here yesterday, and walked away unharmed.

Frankfurt School's 150th Anniversary

Jerusalem Post Reporter

More than 150 guests from all over the country and from all walks of life assembled at Beit Ulissin, Tel Aviv, on Monday evening, to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the foundation of the Philanthropien, the famous school of the Jewish community of Frankfurt on Main.

A great and significant chapter in the history of German Jewry and one of its leading communities was reflected in the addresses given by Mr. W. Gross, who presided, Dr. H. Pomeranz, a former member of the School Board, Dr. Eugen Mayer, former head of the communal administration, Mrs. Betty Rand, one of the teachers, Rafael Rosenzweig (son of Franz Rosenzweig) of the last class when the school was closed down after the pogrom of November 1938, and other speakers.

Founded in 1805 on the initiative of Mayer Amschel Rothschild for the care of orphaned children, the school became almost immediately a stronghold of the Enlightenment Movement in the wake of the French Revolution, and of liberal Judaism. Its teachers included more than one now historic name, from J. M. Jost, author of the first modern history of the Jewish people, Lazarus Geiger, philosopher of language, and Michael Creizenach, radical reformer, to Albert Bielschowsky, biographer of Goethe, and I. Kracauer, historian of the Jews of Frankfurt. Two at least of its pupils, Jacob Schiff and Paul Baerwald, (son of one of the headmasters), became leading figures in American Jewish life.

Similar celebrations were held in London, where 220 former pupils attended a dinner party, and in New York, where no less than 1,500 guests came to a memorial meeting arranged by the Philanthropin Association in the United States.

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Sat., Dec. 24, Tel Aviv, — Z.O.A. House, 2 perfs.: 6, 9.30
Mon., Dec. 26, Rishon le Zion — Tiferet, 8.45
Tues., Dec. 27, Ra'anana, — Beit Hapoel, 8.45

Hadassah Finds Ear Defects in Pupils

Out of 10,000 elementary schoolchildren in Jerusalem examined by the Hadassah Institute of Audiology during the past five years, some 400 (four per cent) were found to possess hearing defects, Dr. Moshe Feinmesser, acting head of the Ear, Nose and Throat Department of the Hadassah University Hospital, stated on Monday night in Jerusalem.

The Institute, founded by Dr. J. Lachmann, the previous head of the Department, as a teaching, research and clinical centre, has recently been enlarged, thanks to a gift of $10,000 for audiometric work received from Mrs. Max Schloessinger, of New York. It is now equipped to deal with the diagnostic evaluation of speech and hearing capacity, pure tone and speech audiometry, the fitting of hearing aids, and speech and hearing rehabilitation.

Visitors were shown the new soundproof studio in Rehov Hahavatzelet in which Hadassah audiologists conduct hearing tests with the aid of electro-acoustic instruments. These tests assist the doctors in their diagnosis to determine whether a child suffers from a hearing defect and is otherwise healthy, or whether the hearing is in order but the child is otherwise retarded.

LECTURED IN HEBREW IN WARSAW

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday. — "I lectured in Hebrew and Polish on modern Hebrew literature at the Semitic Languages Faculty of the Warsaw University," Mr. Y. Lichtenbaum, the poet, said on his return today from Poland. Mr. Lichtenbaum was invited by the Polish Government to take part in the Adam Mickiewicz Festival which was attended by representatives of 32 countries.

For his translation of "Pan Tadeusz" from Polish to Hebrew, Mr. Lichtenbaum said he was widely praised by the Polish press, which printed his articles, interviewed him and published a picture of the Hebrew book's cover.

$1.5m. Donation Seen For Negev Hospital

NEW YORK, Tuesday (INA).— The International Ladies Garment Workers Union has decided to raise $1m. in four annual instalments for a Kupat Holim hospital near Beersheba, with the possibility of a further contribution of $500,000, Mr. David Dubinsky, President of the union, announced yesterday at a luncheon given by the National Committee for Labour, Israel, which sponsors the American campaign for Histadrut.

He announced a $50,000 contribution for the purchase of machinery for Histadrut trade schools, and a second $50,000 for the city of Haifa for the building of a stadium to be named in honour of Mr Luigi Antonnini, first Vice-President of I.L.G.W.U.

Farm School Moving To Neve Ilan

The agricultural school at Ein Karem on the outskirts of Jerusalem is to be transferred to Neve Ilan, near Abu Ghosh. The Jerusalem Economic Corporation has asked the Government to allocate the grounds to be vacated by the school for industrial purposes, the Corporation announced yesterday.

It is claimed that there is an acute shortage of space suitable for factories in the region and that the school grounds are admirable for this purpose.

As reported last week, Neve Ilan has been abandoned by its settlers for lack of manpower. The Government has decided to transfer the agricultural school to the site of the kibbutz, where it will specialise in hill agriculture.

DIAMOND POLISHERS are to strike on December 27 if their employers continue to refuse to pay the cost-of-living allowance as from Friday. The strike is supported by the Tel Aviv Labour Council.

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Exhibitions: —
1) Dutch and Flemish Paintings of the 17th Century. 2) French Paintings of the 20th Century. 3) Paintings by Yvette Szczupak-Thomas. Exhibit of the Month: A Hanukka lamp (silver repoussé) 17th Century, Augsburg. Bezalel Museum, 9-1, 3-5.
Watercolours, oils and drawings by Curt Singer; Sculptures by B. Pokorny. "Nora Studio" Art Gallery, 9 Sderot Ben Maimon, 10-1, 4-6.
1) Watercolours and drawings by Sionah Tagger. 2) Oils and gouaches by Eliahu Sizard. Artists House, 10-1, 4-6.
"Conquest of the Desert" permanent Exhibition on the grounds of the Jerusalem Convention Centre, 10-1, 4-6.
Tours: —
Hebrew University conducted tour, New Administration Building, King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.
Theatre: —
Kopf Klve, Vert a Tete — Yiddish Theatre, Edison, 9 p.m.
Lectures: —
Prof. S. Halkin on "American Jewry." Beeri Club, 9 Rehov Alharizi, 8.30 p.m.
Dr. Leo Levi on "Does Christian Liturgical Music have Hebrew Origins?" Touring Club, Talbieh, 8.30 p.m.
Discussion: —
Problems of Communal Development, Beit Hahalutzot, Rehov Ibn Gabirol, 8.00. Under auspices of Henrietta Szold Foundation for Child and Youth Welfare.

TEL AVIV
Italian specialities, lunch, dinner, music. Locky's Bar, 3 Allenby Rd.
Exhibitions: —
"Haskit" Israel Village Arts and Crafts. Recent Paintings by Arie Aroch and Zphira Ilin. New acquisitions by the Museum. Tel Aviv Museum, 10-1, 4-7.
Autumn Exhibition at the Art Pavilion of the Painters and Sculptors Association, 9 Rehov Alharizi, daily 10-1, 4-7 except Fridays.
Concert: —
Recorded Concert No. 4. Vivaldi — Gloria Mass. Concertos for various instruments. 5.30 p.m. Museum.
Theatres: —
Chamber Theatre, "The Italian Straw Hat." Mograbi Hall, 8 p.m.
Chamber Theatre, "The Castle," New Chamber Theatre, 9 p.m.
Habimah, "Medea." Habimah, 8 p.m.
Duigan and Saumacher in "Nealr Un Wein Night," Ohel Shem, 8.30 p.m.
Film Club: —
Z.O.A. House at 8.30 p.m. "Ox-Bow Incident" with Dana Andrews.

HAIFA
Theatre: —
Do-Re-Mi — "Holiday in Venice." Orah Hall 8.15 p.m.

HERZLIYA
Theatre: —
Habimah, "Pandre the Hero," 8 p.m.

HOLON
Theatre: —
Benzion Witler; Shifra Lerer; "The Singing Blacksmith." 8.45 p.m.

RAMLE
Theatres: —
Ohel, "Eldorado," 8 p.m.

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Theatre: —
Chamber Theatre, "The Lady of the Manor," 8 p.m.

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Mrs. Rebecca D. Sieff, President of World Wizo, will be in the chair, and Dr. Regina Zimmerman will talk on the "Future Ways of Education Towards Good Citizenship in Israel."
All friends are cordially invited to attend.

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Jerusalem: Only Recital at the Edison Theatre, Tuesday, Dec. 27, 9 p.m. — Tickets: Cahana.
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Tickets: Ginzburg's office — Yuval

Another selected film . . .
Martine Carole *Raf Valone*
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still playing to capacity audiences, after six-month's run at the Cinephone, Oxford Street, London.
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A Franco-Italian Production — "Titanus"
Producer: ALBERTO LATTUADA
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English and Hebrew subtitles. Distributor: Baby MALLAH.

Cinemas

JERUSALEM
At 5.30, 6.30 and 8.30 p.m.
ARMON: Chief Crazy Horse.
EDEN: The Prodigal, 2nd week.
EDISON: "La Nuit d'Acheve."
ORGIL: "Les Femmes s'en Balancent," 2nd week.
ORION: The Left Hand of God.
ORNA: Trouble in Store.
RON: The Green Scarf.
STUDIO: Spellbound, 2nd week.
ZION HALL: "Le Monsieu a Cinq Poutres." 2nd week.
TZEL ON: Passion.

TEL AVIV
At 5.30, 7.15 and 9.15 p.m.
ALLENBY: "La Nave delle Donne Maledette."
ARMON DAVID: Laughter in Paradise, 4th week.
ESTHER: Green Fire, 2nd week.
MOGRABI: Night People, 2nd week.
ORION: A Star is Born, 6th week.
OPHIR: "La Pensionnaire."
SHDEROT: Mandy, 6th week.
TAMAR: Marty, 9th week. Mailmen: War Paint.
TCHELET: "Les Amants du Tage." Matinee: The Little Fugitive, at 3 and 5 p.m. At 11 a.m.: The End of Jesse James.
YARON: Passport to Pimlico.
RAMIR: Paris, 4th week.

HAIFA
ARMON: The Barefoot Contessa.
ORLY: The Browning Version, 3rd week.
EN DOR: Fighting Men of the Plain.
MORIAH: Where's Charley.
ORION: The Beach of Love.
ATZMON: Three for the Show.
MAY: Battle Cry, 2nd week.
PEER: It Should Happen to You.
GAL ON: Sister Carrie. Matinee: Lone Hand.
AMPHITHEATER: Desiree, 4th week.

Tel Aviv Stock Market

DEC. 20, 1955

Pop. Loans 1949/59 (IL20)	99½
3½% Tavel Dollar 3/77	71½
4% Comp. Loan 55/67	63
3½% War Loan 54/69	57
3½% Gov. Bds. (large)	73½
4% Reg. Sterling "A"	94½
4% Reg. Sterling "B"	90½
Pal. Bearer Bds. Ser. 3	77½
Bk. Leumi ord. sh.	28½
A.P.B. Investm. ord. sh. "B"	109½
Gazit ord. sh. "B"	150½
Ellern's Inv. ord. (1)	154
P.E.C. Inv. ord. "B" sh.	203½
Gen. Mortg. Bk. ord. sh.	75½
Bituar 4% debs. 55/65	79
Nir 4% Debs. (bearer)	93½
5% pref. sh.	81½
Pass 4% debs. 61/64 reg	79½
"Tara" 5% debs.	69½
I.L.D.C. ord. sh. reg.	139½
5% debs.	95½
Afr. Pal. Inv. ord. sh.	94½
Ramco 6% pref. ord sh.	105
Pal. Potash 6% pref. sh.	103
"A" ord. shares	137½
Pal. Elec. pref. sh. (Ldn)	376
6½% P.E.C. Debs. 37/64	106½ex
	105½ex
Meherot pref. sh.	75½
Ata ord. "B" sh.	133½
5-9% conv. debs.	96
"Hardaseh" ord. "B"	126½
7% conv. debs. 59/62	96
Melker-Dan ord. sh. reg.	100
Pal.-Brewery 6%con. sh.	83½
Assis Bejarano "B" sh.	143½
"Teva" ord. sh.	171½
Wesker 6% debs. "A"	107½
Pal. Cold St. 7% debs.	143
ord. sh. reg. (full div.)	315½
Pal. Constr. Yr 5% debs.	96

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Z.O.A. HOUSE
Tonight, Dec. 21, 1955, at 8.30 p.m.
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J. ABRAMOV
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Kfar Ata,
December 16, 1955

Today's Postbag

THE WEATHER

OUTLOOK: Fair.

	A	B	C	D
Mt. Canaan	72	10	16	17
Tiberias	64	12	26	26
Haifa Port	61	14	22	19
Natanya	67	15	24	24
Tel Aviv Kirya	69	11	20	21
Tel Aviv Port	73	13	21	22
Lydda Airport	69	8	24	25
Jerusalem	61	14	19	19
Beersheba	66	9	24	25
Sdot	66	14	27	28

*A) Humidity at 3 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday D) Maximum temp. expected today

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EMPLOYEES OF the Head Office of the Keren Hayesod have agreed to work 45 hours a week, as requested by the organization's management.

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THE FOURTH Constellation in El Al's air fleet arirved at Lydda Airport last night in a non-stop flight from London.

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HISTADRUT SHIPPING interests are negotiating the building of a large shipyard in the Kishon Harbour in partnership with a foreign firm, it was learned in Haifa yesterday. The scheme would require very large investments, part of which would have to come from the Government, if it approved the plan.

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A TOTAL of 193,947,901 kilowatt hours of electricity were consumed throughout the country during September and October, according to figures released this week by the Palestine Electric Corporation. Of this amount, 81,508,638 kwhs. were used in industry, 99,068,833 for irrigation and 83,360,520 for other purposes.

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THE JERUSALEM Municipal Veterinarian will inoculate dogs against rabies at the Sanitation Department in the former WIZO Babies' Home between 10 a.m. and noon tomorrow.

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THE GIRLS Home at Ein Vered is to be named the Henrietta Szold Girls Home by the Ministry for Social Welfare, to mark the 11th anniversary of her death. The home was established on the initiative of Miss Szold.

Russian Immigrants Rejoin Families

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday. — Tense with anticipation, relatives watched the plane carrying nine immigrants from the U.S.S.R. circle on high because a dense fog shrouding the airport prevented a landing. The plane was prepared to make for Cyprus or some other neighbouring airport when the fog lifted. When the families were finally united in the airport lobby, called by some "The Hall of Tears," a number of the immigrants fainted from excitement and had to be revived.

One of the most moving scenes was the meeting after 27 years between Mrs. M. Jacobov, 70, from Tashkent, and her three sons Moshe, Amnon and Nehemia, who brought their children to the airport. Mr. Moshe Jacobov stated that the process leading to his mother's immigration had been drawn out and complicated. Only after diplomatic relations had been established between Israel and the U.S.S.R., did he discover that his mother was alive. He then wrote to Marshal Voroshilov and other prominent figures in Russia requesting that his mother be allowed to emigrate.

Forms Filled Out

Permission was granted six months after an interview in the Russian Embassy, when he filled out forms and guaranteed his mother's maintenance. Mrs. Jacobov left a son and two daughters in Tashkent.

The other two immigrants from Tashkent were Mrs. K. Jacobova, also 70, who joined her daughter in Bnei Brak, and Mrs. I. Ibragimova, 67, who was united with her two sons whom she had not seen for 20 years. Eighty-year-old Mrs. R. Batoshinsky from Bessarabia came to her son Daniel Batoshinsky in Kvutzat Yifat, and 79-year-old Mrs. R. Rothberg of Odessa is joining her son Shaul Rothberg in Tel Aviv.

Younger members of the group were Mr. and Mrs. A. Bromberg, 63, of Bessarabia who are joining their son, and Mrs. R. Holtzarel, 36, who will live with her brother in Holon. Mr. I. Sapojnik of Tarnov was met by his daughter of Rishon leZion.

An emigrant to Poland, Mrs. H. Koslyol, 60, left for Warsaw today to join her family there. She decided to leave after giving up hope that her family would ever come to Israel. *(Itim)*

Death of Elderly Tourist from Britain

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The funeral of Mrs. Mary Halmer, 71-year-old tourist from England, took place here today. Mrs. Halmer died of a stroke on Sunday. She came to Israel a fortnight ago to meet her sister, Mrs. Selig Kantor of Haifa, whom she had not seen for 35 years.

Mrs. Halmer was born in Poland and emigrated to England in 1902. This was the first time that she had left Britain. She was the eldest of 14 children, and Mrs. Kantor was one of her two sisters and one brother who are still living. Mrs. Halmer leaves a husband, five sons, three daughters and 31 grandchildren. Her son Zvi is a reporter in the Tel Aviv Bureau of *The Jerusalem Post*.

INFILTRATOR ARRESTED EN ROUTE

Jerusalem Post Reporter

SAFAD, Tuesday. — A young infiltrator from the Lebanon was arrested last night in Upper Galilee after he had asked for food and shelter for the night from a Jewish settler. The infiltrator told the police that he was on his way to his parents, who live in Jordan, and had asked the farmer for food and shelter so that he could continue his journey the next morning.

Sole Jurisdiction of Courts Defended in Knesset Debate

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Speakers in the Knesset debate yesterday on the exercise of judicial authority by political parties and other public bodies were practically unanimous that where criminal charges were involved State courts must have exclusive jurisdiction. They further agreed that legislation must be passed requiring such bodies to notify the police when they have information pointing to the commission of a crime.

The debate was agreed to by the Knesset last week, following a motion for the agenda by Mr. J. Saphir (General Zionists). It is to be continued this morning.

Mr. Saphir, who thus gained the right to open the debate, noted that internal or non-State courts had their origin in the Diaspora and in Palestine under the Mandate, when Jews distrusted the courts of the land and settled matters among themselves.

But the practice had continued even after the establishment of the State. He claimed that the Histadrut and other trade unions, political parties and co-operative societies required their members to commit themselves in advance to internal jurisdiction, particularly where civil or financial matters were involved, and even where there was a dispute between the member and the organization itself.

Private Bodies Went Further

But private bodies went further than this and judged criminal actions as well. That this practice was still going on could be seen by the story in yesterday's *Jerusalem Post* of a private investigation of alleged embezzlement at the Gapim artificial limbs factory in Haifa, Mr. Saphir said.

Mr. Baruch Azanyah (Mapai) stated that where civil claims were involved he believed it permissible to allow public institutions to require their members to submit to arbitration. Where crimes were involved, he agreed on the need for a law requiring such institutions to turn over information to the police, although it would be going too far to demand this of individual citizens. And in matters of a disciplinary or public nature public bodies certainly should be allowed to judge their own members, since public bodies had not only the right, but the obligation to require a higher standard of their members, than that demanded by the law of the public in general.

Dr. Y. Bader (Herut) made the point that where a crime was committed against the Government — for example, stealing property from a Government office — the superior of the culprit had no moral right to condone the act. The same applied to the Jewish Agency, and there was no reason why the Agency should continue to have an Investigation Judge, whatever justification this office had during the Mandate.

He asserted that all criminal investigations should be conducted by the Attorney General or the State Attorney, with the police serving only as the instrument.

Organization Court

Mr. I. Guri (Mapai) said that in the Histadrut, members were obliged to be tried by an organization court in civil actions (with some exceptions) and on matters of honour, at the demand of another member. In 1949, the Histadrut considered whether, in view of the establishment of the State, some changes were in order. A majority of the participants agreed that they should, but nothing was done about it.

Only two weeks ago the matter was re-opened, and there was no doubt that the matter would be corrected. Nevertheless in practice, if a member refused to obey a Histadrut summons in civil actions, he was not penalized.

As far as Mapai was concerned, Mr. Guri continued, although there was no attempt to cover up any breach of trust on the part of its members in any institution, members were not required to report such crimes to the police. Instead, they had the choice of informing either the Central Control Committee of Mapai, the Jewish Agency Control Institution, the State Comptroller, the police, or the courts.

This was wrong and the law adopted by the Knesset should provide that where there was a crime or suspicion of a crime it must be reported to the police and to them alone.

Sneh Apologises

In a personal statement, Dr. M. Sneh (Communist) told the Knesset last night that he had had no intention of insulting Deputy Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu last week. He had merely wanted to protest the procedure adopted on the budget bill, and if his remarks had been construed as insulting, he wished to express his regrets.

The Prime Minister has informed the Knesset Internal Affairs Committee of the formation of a Ministerial Committee on Security Services. This Committee will keep in contact with the Internal Affairs Committee on the question of the alleged discovery of listening-in equipment in a Jerusalem apartment used by Communist M.K.'s.

The Internal Affairs Committee, to which this matter was referred by the plenary last month, has appointed a sub-committee headed by Mr. Y. Riftin (Mapam) to study the question.

The Knesset Finance Committee yesterday tabled in the Knesset its conclusions and recommendations concerning the State Controller's Fifth Annual Report. These are identical with those tabled in the Second Knesset last June, but which were never debated by the Second Knesset.

The Knesset Finance Committee yesterday began its discussion of the supplementary budget, which passed its first reading last week.

A joint meeting of the Finance Committee and the Foreign Affairs and Security Committee discussed matters pertaining to the security budget. The Prime Minister, the Minister of Finance and the Chief of Staff participated.

Pupils 'Forced' To Pray, M.K. Charges

The Minister of Education, Mr. Zalman Aranne, promised yesterday to investigate whether children in a State (non-religious school) in Ramat Yitzhak are required to pray each morning before the beginning of study.

He was replying in the Knesset to a question by Mr. Nahum Nir (Ahdut Ha'avoda). Mr. Nir claimed that in the fourth grade class in School 34, the teacher compelled the children to pray, the boys to have their heads covered even when the subject studied was not the Bible, and before Succot to bring the "four varieties" to class.

Mr. Aranne replied: "In the school mentioned, there has not been and there is not any religious compulsion. As in many other schools, it is customary there to study the Bible with heads covered, but there is no compulsion to do so. The school has not received even one complaint from parents on this matter."

When Mr. Nir in a supplementary question asked whether the fact that the children were forced to pray had been examined, "and what shall I tell my little grand-daughter who asks me why they compel her to pray every morning," the Minister said he was willing to look into the matter.

Tel Aviv Raises Rates, Taxes

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Tuesday.—Increases in rates and taxes were passed by the coalition in the Municipal Council here tonight in the face of fierce opposition. The decisions were preceded by a prolonged discussion in which the coalition defended the increases, while the opposition called the increases unjust. Opposition counter-proposals to cover the nearly IL2.5m. supplementary budget were voted down. They included raising the tax on large properties and businesses, and for more reductions for the poorer quarters.

Among the rates to be increased are: the property tax, from 11 to 19 per cent, the water rate by 30 per cent; garbage collection rate by 15 per cent; annual fees for the Shevah Technical School from IL85 to IL100 and rises in the bill-posting tax. Victims of the recent floods are to be exempt from rates for six months.

Coalition members claimed that the Government was discriminating against Tel Aviv by severely limiting its assistance.

Earlier in the meeting, sharp words were hurled across the floor by each side over the claim that the Municipality recognize the Histadrut-sponsored Association of Municipal Employees to the exclusion of the rival "Independent Municipal Employees Organization." A strike of Municipal employees is scheduled for December 27.

AGENCY-GOV'T MEET ON FUND-RAISING

The Joint Government-Jewish Agency Committee met yesterday to discuss the problem of fund-raising abroad.

It was decided to convene two Jewish regional conferences. One will meet at the beginning of February in Zurich, and will include representatives of Zionist Federations and Jewish community leaders from European countries. The other, in which Latin American Jewish communities will participate, will convene at the end of February in Buenos Aires or Montevideo.

Cabinet Ministers and members of the Jewish Agency Executive will participate in both conferences.

COURT ASKED TO DISMISS KASTNER CLAIM

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Mr. Shmuel Tamir, the lawyer acting on behalf of Mr. Malkiel Greenwald of Jerusalem, has filed in the District Court here an opposition to the claim by Dr. Israel Kastner for IL50,000 damages from Mr. Greenwald. Dr. Kastner claimed that Mr. Greenwald had damaged his good name in the course of the latter's trial in Jerusalem.

Mr. Tamir stated that his client had been exonerated in the court, while Dr. Kastner, though technically no party to the case, was in fact found guilty by the Jerusalem District Court. He asked that Dr. Kastner's claim be dismissed without a hearing. *(Itim)*

Haifa Cafe Owner Lucky in Lottery

HAIFA, Tuesday.—Mr. Simha Korngold, owner of the Ginat Or cafe in Rehov Herzl, was the lucky winner of the IL15,000 first prize in yesterday's drawing of the 1950 Popular Loan. He had ticket number 51189, Third Series.

Mr. Korngold, father of three children, was one of the Warsaw Ghetto fighters. He and his children were in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp for two years. His wife died in Poland. The family came to this country in 1945. Mr. Korngold has written a book in Yiddish on the Warsaw Ghetto.

Ministry, Police Probe Sale of Fake Nescafe

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Following the discovery of quantities of imitation Nescafe, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the police have started an investigation into the activities of the group suspected of having committed the fraud. As a considerable amount of the sham merchandise is still on the market, a Ministry spokesman yesterday indicated how to avoid purchasing these spurious products.

Until now, imitation Nescafe has been found only in four-ounce containers with paper labels, and never in those which have the printing on the tin itself. Consequently, the public is advised to buy only unwrapped four-ounce tins. In addition, counterfeit Nescafe is often damp and lumpy, due to faulty sealing. Chemical analysis has revealed that the ersatz product is of inferior quality, but is coffee with no other constituents added.

The Government has now opened a criminal file charging the suspects with forgery and the illegal use of the Swiss company's trademark, and with illicit dealing in coffee.

A civil action charging false representation has also been filed by the company's lawyer in Israel.

Former Bank Clerk Committed for Theft

HAIFA, Tuesday. — Shaul Segal, 21, a former Halva'a Ve-Hisachon Bank clerk accused of embezzling IL55,000 between January and May of this year and forging bank accounts, was today committed for trial in the District Court here by Examining Magistrate S. Razil.

Compromise Settlement In Blind Institute Dispute

The lawsuit concerning the petition of the Jewish Institute for the Blind to expel eight of its students as a result of their two-week strike ended in a compromise yesterday through the active intervention of Jerusalem Magistrate Y. Wiener, who heard the case.

Six of the students whom the administration wished to expel apologized for striking in an educational institution and promised that it would not recur in the future. One of the six declared that he agreed to leave the Institute for a month, in accordance with the administration's demand as specified in the compromise agreement. Two of the defendants announced that they were leaving the Institute, as they were unwilling to join in the declaration made by their fellow strikers and could not continue under the supervision of the Institute's educational director. It will be recalled that the strikers demanded the dismissal of the director, Mr. Zvi Federbush, claiming that he had mistreated them.

$1,000 FOR DEFENCE

Mr. Samuel Bamen, a leader of the Sephardi Community in Mexico, yesterday presented President Ben-Zvi with a cheque for $1,000 for the Defence Fund.

Ancient Underground Settlement Found

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Remains of what may turn out to be a subterranean settlement dating from 4,000 B.C.E. have been uncovered in the hill on Rehov Alexander Yanai, the Municipality has announced. The hill, on part of which the municipal slaughterhouse is situated, has already proved rich in ancient finds. Near the caves and catacombs dating from the Chalcolithic era, were found other caves containing pieces of clay coffins in which human bones had been deposited.

Special interest was aroused by the large partly-domed pit, about 20 metres across, situated in the centre of the find. The domed section is held up by supports of quarried stone. In this pit, the lower section of a clay kiln was discovered, the first such discovery in Israel. Mouths of catacombs leading to neighbouring caves were also found in the pit.

Building Workers Want Higher Wages

A resolution calling for higher wages for building workers was adopted by a joint national council of the Building Workers Union, the Insurance Fund for Building Workers and the Public Works Workers Organization at its closing session in Jerusalem yesterday. A minimum of IL8 a day was demanded for unskilled labourers and a maximum of IL11.500 for skilled workers.

Other resolutions called for a 45 per cent increase in social welfare benefits and lowering the age of pension and social insurance benefits, which at present is 65 years. It was decided to set up rehabilitation and pension funds in January.

MORE JOBLESS

The average daily number of unemployed rose by about 1,000 to 14,850 in the week ending December 9, the Ministry of Labour announced yesterday. Of this figure, 14,006 were unskilled labourers.

The principal centres of unemployment were: Haifa, 1,758; Jerusalem, 1,254; Tel Aviv, 854; Petah Tikva, 789; Rehovot, 687; Ramat Gan, 669; Rishon le Zion, 625; Ramle, 530; Lydda, 452; and Tiberias, 442.

Artisans Received Over IL1m. In Gov't Credits

During the past three years, the nation's artisans received IL1,250,000 in credits through the Government, the Ministry of Commerce spokesman reported yesterday after representatives of the Tel Aviv Artisans Association had met with Mr. Pinhas Sapir, the Minister of Commerce and Industry.

The delegation agreed to the Minister's request that they consider cutting their prices. It is understood that the representative of the Barbers Association would not consider this request.

Mr. Sapir said that the Government would be willing to help the Association financially if it meant that productivity would rise, imports be decreased and exports increased.

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sighted, he informed his superior, Lieutenant Said Kasis, at the Kursi position, and received orders to open fire. The first shell hit the vessel, and no more shells were fired. The position was raided by the Israelis the following night.

Similar orders were found in other coastal positions, Sgan-Aluf Neeman said.

These documents, the Deputy Chief of Intelligence stated, "establish beyond any doubt, that whenever fire was opened on Israel craft, it was according to orders and not as a result of the over-enterprising men on the spot." Syria's intention to trespass on Israel's rights on the Lake date almost from the signing of the Armistice Agreement, although it was the first time that a claim of "territorial waters" had been put forward. Two years ago, an "organizational order" to the 18th Battalion of the Third Brigade specified simply that "any vessel approaching the shore inside the 400-metre limit in future should be fired upon immediately."

Israel's rights to the whole of Lake Kinneret have never been in question, Sgan-Aluf Neeman said. The Armistice Agreement stated that the demarcation line coincided with the international frontier, which in this area passes 10 metres from the shore at the highest level of the water. Before the War of Independence, Syrian fishermen living close to the border were given fishing licences by the Palestine authorities. When the Armistice Agreement was negotiated, Israel proposed that similar licences be issued by the Israel police, but the Syrian delegation rejected the suggestion. (This offer has been repeated within the last week).

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gress would total about $4,900m. for the next fiscal year.

Mr. Dulles said that the U.S. was seeking no monopoly in giving economic assistance, and welcomed any grant of economic aid which invigorated less developed countries and made them more free and more independent.

"The leaders of countries which are receiving Soviet offers are, of course, aware of this political danger. They are for the most part statesmen of experience. They have won political successes in making their own countries independent and I believe that they can be counted upon to be alert to defend their independence."

Mr. Dulles stated it was a fair inference that the U.S. would continue her military and economic aid programmes at about their present level for a considerable period.

He said that they were trying to create greater reserves and flexibility for the programme in the Middle East. There were new situations where Soviet tactics changed, and the U.S. needed flexibility, America did not want to be tied down to any arbitrary figure in any particular year.

Mr. Dulles added that the U.S. contribution towards the financing of the Aswan dam in Egypt would come in part from the flexible fund which the Administration proposed to establish for the Middle East.

No Danger from Israel Jordanians Told

Kol Yisrael's Arabic voice told the people of Jordan on Monday night that as long as their rulers did not embark on anti-Israel adventures, there was no possible danger to them from Israel.

The commentary was made in reference to King Hussein's address of the night previous in which he attempted to scare them with the Israel bogey.

"If the Jordanian people want peace and security, like the people of Israel, they would be well advised to make sure that their Government does not carry out violence against Israel as a means to draw attention from the present political impasse in which it finds itself," the commentary said.

"As a neighbour which is concerned with peace and stability in the region, Israel wishes to see all the peoples of the area living a good and prosperous life. Israel does not derive pleasure from an unsettled situation.

"Israel is convinced that the solution does not lie in a race between competing military pacts.

"Let there be established peaceful alliances between the governments and peoples for an amelioration of living conditions; let there be pacts based on good neighbourly relations between all the peoples of the region: then all will be quiet in Jordan..."

Pilgrims' Christmas Crossing Discussed

Final arrangements for the passage of 1,655 pilgrims through Mandelbaum Gate to Jordan on Friday for the Christmas holiday were discussed yesterday between Mr. R. Levy, Jerusalem District Officer, and Najati Nashashibi, the Jordanian representative, it was announced.

Reports that the pilgrimage would be cancelled this year because of the tense situation in Jordan are unfounded, it is learned. No Israel Christians have yet notified the authorities of their wish to abandon plans to cross.

(NEARS reported from Amman that Ahmed Saba, Director of the Jordan Tourist Office, has stated that the situation "has returned to normal" and that Christmas pilgrims could enter the country without fear of disorders.)

Cables in Brief

SHIPPING. — The world's merchant shipping this year topped 100 million tons for the first time in history, Lloyds Register of Shipping yesterday reported the grand total for last July at 100,000,000 tons, a rise of 3,147,000 tons in a year.

FILM. — The British film, "The Prisoner," starring Alec Guinness and Jack Hawkins, has been selected by the National Board of Review of Motion Pictures in New York as the best foreign film of the year.

CANCER. — Cancer and coronary heart disease were the biggest man-killers in Britain in 1954 according to Ministry of Health statistics published yesterday. About 18,000 persons died from cancer of the lung and respiratory system.

QUAKE. — The inhabitants of Amatrice camped in the open during the night after two earth tremors rocked the small central Italian mountain town, near Rieti, early yesterday. The shocks, lasting four and three seconds, respectively, caused no casualties or damage.

MAYNE. — Gen. Sir Mosley Mayne, whose successful Abyssinian campaign ended with his capture of the Duke of Aosta, the Italian Commander in Chief, and 7,000 Italian troops at Amba Alagi in 1941, died suddenly on Saturday, aged 62, it was announced yesterday.

East Germans Jail Returned War Criminals

BERLIN, Tuesday (Reuter). — German war criminals handed over by the Soviet Union to East German authorities last week, have been sent to jails to "serve their just terms," "Neues Deutschland," the leading newspaper in East Germany, said today.

In an article headed, "They deserve the heaviest of punishments," the newspaper gave details of Soviet court hearings against some of the men who were active under S.S. leaders, or German soldiers who committed atrocities during the war.

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BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953 AND 1954

1953	ASSETS	1954	1953	LIABILITIES	1954
$ 5,112,240.32	Cash in Banks	$ 5,067,400.61	$ 2,590,784.90	Reserve for Claims	$ 2,418,067.48
—	Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	—	17,213,059.46	Reserve for Unearned Premiums	18,601,090.15
16,318,770.28	Bonds	16,402,489.99	608,562.08	Reserve for Taxes	548,560.42
17,717,578.28	Stocks	23,936,515.08	6,052,426.83	Reserve for Other Liabilities	4,418,837.90
2,430,026.63	Premiums in Course of Collection	2,529,426.99	1,250,000.00	Capital	1,250,000.00
238,315.93	Reinsurance Recoverable on Paid Losses	562,634.30	8,558,576.08	Voluntary Reserve	15,021,834.11
209,000.00	Real Estate	203,200.00	7,186,103.05	Surplus	6,397,969.38
1,378,237.44	Other Ledger Assets	703,304.01			
53,346.35	Accrued Interest	60,718.36			
$43,457,813.30		$49,466,329.34	$43,457,813.30		$49,466,329.34

UNDERWRITING EXHIBIT
YEAR 1953 AND 1954

1953	INCOME	1954	1953	OUTGO	1954
$17,481,775.89	Premiums Written	$13,698,245.37	$ 6,720,467.58	Losses Paid	$ 5,998,543.98
1,788,137.84	Outstanding Loss Reserve at end of year	2,308,862.90	817,316.83	Loss Adjustment Expenses Paid	961,398.48
14,374,612.42	Unearned Premium Reserve at end of year	17,213,059.46	7,470,324.34	Commissions and Underwriting Expenses Paid	8,624,162.94
406,362.94	Underwriting Expenses Unpaid at end of year	837,239.53	2,303,662.90	Outstanding Loss Reserve at end of year	2,979,841.48
147,564.00	Outstanding Loss Expenses at end of year	287,122.00	17,213,059.46	Unearned Premium Reserve at end of year	18,601,090.15
1,450,940.31	Underwriting Loss	2,111,580.73	837,239.53	Underwriting Expenses Unpaid at end of year	859,626.97
			287,122.00	Outstanding Loss Expenses Unpaid at end of year	438,216.00
$35,649,392.64		$41,450,909.98	$35,649,392.64		$41,450,909.98

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT OF BUSINESS IN ISRAEL FOR THE YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953 AND 1954
(Adjusted to the nearest IL.)

DEBIT 1953 IL.		1954 IL.	CREDIT 1953 IL.		1954 IL.
5,987	Profit for Current Year	52,782		Profit transferred from Fire Accident, Marine and other Insurance Branches	51,994
			5,862		
			925	Interest on Investment (Gross)	788
5,987		52,782	5,987		52,782

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Gaitskell Versus Butler in London

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LONDON. — ADAMSON, Clynes MacDonald, Lansbury, Attlee, and now Gaitskell. The pattern is instructive: Adamson and Clynes, like Keir Hardie before them, were labour leaders who had come up through the union movement. MacDonald at least was of working-class origin: his snobbery was that of the self-made man anxious to forget his origins. With Lansbury, the party, after the MacDonald catastrophe, sought shelter in the dim past. With Attlee, it crawled once more towards the political limelight. Now, with Gaitskell, the metamorphosis is complete: Labour is being run by a prize example of the new managerial elite: Winchester and New College, university tutoring and the civil service, have won out at long last over the old guard.

This has been an important week for the British Labour Party. When Attlee bowed out — having stayed on just long enough to ensure Gaitskell's succession — he took with him not only a record of 20 years of successful leadership, but a political tradition embodied in the men who formed Labour's first majority Cabinet in 1945. Of them, Cripps and Bevin had been dead for some years, but Morrison, Dalton, Bevan and Shinwell were still around and active.

Uncontested Leadership

Now Morrison has seen his ailments and his 68 years deprive him of the hopes he had nourished for so long; Dalton and Shinwell have virtually retired and only Bevan is left to contest the leadership — for the struggle can be renewed next year. But his 70 supporters out of a parliamentary party of 275 are unlikely to swell into a majority. It looks like Gaitskell v. Butler for the next five or ten years — a long time in politics.

The two men are fairly equally matched. Both are primarily economists, though Butler has had longer experience in politics and has perhaps had more success in cultivating the human touch at election time. Both are deeply concerned with home affairs, and though sharply opposed over ends and means, they share an understandable anxiety over Britain's economic future, and a fixed determination to pursue cautious policies abroad.

Both Butler and Gaitskell are intellectuals, their trained minds ranging easily over technical problems that baffle the humdrum businessmen and trade unionists ranged behind them. Both are arrogantly sure of themselves and faintly contemptuous of their colleagues. It is an certain that Butler will dominate any Conservative government for years to come, no matter who is Premier, as it is certain that Gaitskell will surround himself with a kitchen cabinet of his own choosing — men shaped in his image, economists and administrators, not platform spellbinders.

Already the outline of the next Labour administration is taking shape. The eager young men who contemptuously shoved the aging, faltering Morrison aside to line up behind Gaitskell are the under-secretaries of tomorrow. Their names are known. On the whole they are an able lot; some of them might even be mistaken for Socialists.

On the opposing side there is movement, too. Mr. Harold Macmillan is leaving the Foreign Office, where he has accomplished nothing and been acutely unhappy under a chief who also acted as Foreign Secretary, His successor, Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, is not expected to give trouble. Mr. Macmillan has a mind of his own though the "Daily Telegraph" is not alone in thinking his oratory pompous and at times almost comical.

No one has ever credited Mr. Selwyn Lloyd with anything beyond administrative capacity. In his new post he is expected to execute whatever policy Sir Anthony Eden and the permanent staff of the Foreign Office are able to think up. It is not an exhilarating prospect.

There were few exhilarating moments during last week's Middle East debate, for that matter. Mr. Morrison spoke sensibly, but he failed to strike fire; it was another nail in his political coffin — the last. Mr. Robens was earnest, and a little too polite to the Prime Minister. Mr. Macmillan was rotund — the "Telegraph" next day made fun of his "Ciceronian phrases" which did not quite conceal the political vacuum behind them.

Sir Anthony Eden was, shall we say, true to form. He even managed to quote (for the record time) the now famous despatch of "The Times" correspondent in Jerusalem, as proof that his Guildhall speech had really had a very useful effect on everyone concerned, and was not at all the disaster that the Opposition said it was. No one apparently was sufficiently cynical, or sufficiently informed, to guess at the true origins of that despatch and to confront Sir Anthony with a suggestion that he might be backing himself up with something manufactured in his own kitchen.

And yet the Prime Minister did not sound happy. Neither did his Foreign Secretary. For all the time Sir Winston Churchill, back from holiday, was sitting there and watching them.

Readers' Letters

AGGRESSION

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I wonder why neither the papers nor our Foreign Ministry have yet reacted to one of the most ominous points in the official declarations of the Western Powers regarding the Middle East. I refer to the repeated warnings that any nation which starts a war in this area will be faced with the gravest consequences and that immediate measures will be taken against it.

Now anyone familiar with the history of the last decades will remember that every aggressor took pains to explain that he acted only in self-defence. Even Hitler attacked Poland under the pretext of acting against Polish provocations. And of course, when a war is a few days old, nobody is in a position to prove who started it, and everything depends on the preferences and inclinations of the observer.

It is, therefore, pretty obvious that if and when the Arabs start their attack, they will have a carefully prepared pretext of an alleged Israel invasion: it should even not be difficult to fabricate some "evidence." Of course Britain would be quick to exploit these Arab claims and to bring the whole might of the United Nations against the "aggressor." The possibilities of a "war of prevention" which have been hinted at by Israel itself would make such a falsification even more palatable to world opinion.

Under these circumstances, I consider it most necessary that this position be made clear to the world in time, and time is short.

Yours, etc.,
R. G.

Haifa.

CRICKET TOUR

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Prior to our departure, we wish to take this opportunity to express our deepest appreciation to all those who made our unforgettable visit to Israel so interesting and enjoyable.

We wish to give special thanks to the Israel Cricket Association, the South African Zionist Federation and Melamed Brothers (Tourist & Travel) Co. Ltd., who arranged our tour so ably and to our full satisfaction.

We have decided to make our visit to Israel a regular feature.

Yours, etc.,
T. (Turie) TEGER, Captain
S.A. Maccabi Cricket Team
Tel Aviv, December 8.

Powerful Egyptian Broadcasts Incite Africans to Violence

From a Special Correspondent

ZANZIBAR, (OFNS). — NIGHTLY over the air comes the latest threat to East Africa's security. It comes, with mounting effectiveness, in the form of propaganda broadcast by Cairo Radio, in line with Egypt's recently acquired role as champion of the Africans still ruled by colonial Powers.

Egypt's new propaganda offensive against the white man in Africa began dramatically on October 13 with these words spoken in Swahili, thus addressed to a potential audience of 20 million Africans: "The Mau Mau revolt, in which White arms defeated Black courage, must be revived, not only in Kenya, but in the entire continent and must go on until Africa belongs to the African."

No subversive material aimed at Africa in the past has ever reached this blatant level. Undaunted by the tragedy which followed propaganda of a similar type fed to the still-primitive Southern Sudanese, Egypt appears determined to make her influence felt in the rest of Africa and hopes to do so by taking up the cudgels against "colonialism."

The deliberate, inflammatory tone of the recent broadcasts, both in Swahili and Arabic, launched about the time Egypt concluded her arms and economic deals with countries of the Soviet bloc, has led to speculation here that this is all part of a bargain which Egypt has been told to keep.

The "Kenya Weekly News," a well-informed local journal, has suggested: "It may well be that her campaign against the white man in Africa is the price Egypt has had to pay for this economic and military aid."

Whatever the motives behind Egypt's new propaganda "line" it is certainly mounting in intensity. Backing up the initial call for an Africa-wide Mau Mau movement, Cairo Radio has since broadcast a radio series in Swahili under the title "The People's Enemy" containing a travesty of the Kenyatta (Mau Mau leader) trial and alleged Kenya Settler atrocities, entitled "Blood on the Black Continent."

Swahili, ranked as one of the world's great languages, comes about seventh in importance as regards the number of people speaking it. It is not covered by the British Broadcasting Corporation, apparently on the grounds that Swahili speakers are catered for by the local British colonial radio stations. In its efforts to build up its listening public in East Africa, Cairo Radio is running a listeners' club, and among its fluent Swahili announcers is an Arab girl from Zanzibar, sister of a journalist and extremist politician.

While the full impact of the violent anti-colonial broadcasts from Egypt in Swahili cannot yet be judged in East Africa, the Arabic broadcasts are by now quite well established and widely listened to along the East African coastline. Here, its effect is mainly upon the young Arab intelligentsia, who, in any case, look more and more to Egypt as their spiritual home. But the Arabs wield little political influence outside of Zanzibar.

The British authorities, however, are taking very seriously the threat presented by the Swahili broadcasts from Cairo, especially as they reach East Africa at full power and swamp local stations.

PEN FRIENDS

PEACE ORGANIZATION, World Affairs Centre, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis 14, Minn., U.S.A., asks children who can write in English and who desire pen friends in the U.S. to send their name, age, sex, address and school. They are especially interested in the age group of 10 to 12 years. This body is a "non-creed, non-political, non-profit and inter-racial" organization.

Gardens Taking Place of Safad Ruins

By YESHAYAHU ASHNI

THINGS have been on the move in Safad since the new Mayor, Mr. Avraham Hacohen, assumed office three months ago. You can feel it at every step as you approach the town. The Municipality has adopted a public works programme in which it is investing IL120,000, providing employment for 100-120 workers.

Markings have already been made for the new kilometre-and-a-half road leading up to the industrial zone. This road is destined to link up with the main highway and the Popular Housing Quarter to the south of the town where the survey and parcellation work has already been completed and compensation paid for the homes that have been razed to make room for the new venture. Work on the main road leading into the town will begin as soon as the weather improves, and the plan is to make it wider for increased safety and convenience.

New Paths, Car Park

The Kurdish Quarter at the foot of Mount Cana'an has been vouchsafed a two-and-a-half metre path, and for the first time the inhabitants of the Quarter are breathing more easily. A car park has supplanted the ruins near the old Arab market and this will help relieve the main thoroughfare of accommodating all vehicles coming into town.

Gardens are being planted to take the place of ruins which are rapidly disappearing, and new blue horizons are looming into view. Those near the Tuv Taam Cafe, not far from the Malben Home, have already given way to a small garden surrounded by a stone perimeter, and the rubbish near the Municipal offices is also being replaced by a stretch of greenery.

A road has been marked to the Artists Colony and the Kinneret noodle factory, the proprietor of which has nothing but praise for the new Municipality. And not far from there, at the "Sleepy Fountain," a new playground is to be laid out.

Corners of yards have been "bitten off" to make room for a wider road to skirt Beit Bussel and the ancient Sephardi synagogue to the Security Highway. A connecting road will also be paved to join the Tzlil Cinema with the Malben Home, linking up with Upper Safad.

A cooperative building is to be erected opposite the ancient Cave of Shem and Ever near the electric company offices. Public conveniences are being set up at the fortress, the Municipal Garden and in the centre of town.

An additional two-and-a-half storey wing, comprising 20 rooms, is being built for the Margoa Rest House on Mount Cana'an as part of Safad's attraction to Kupat Holim members, who will be able to enjoy a new swimming pool in addition to the other amenities. The Amidar quarter is witnessing the construction of 100 four-family housing units which, added to the 400 units already existing and the 20 pleasant units, will comprise a total of 520 in the Mount Cana'an project. A cultural centre, two classrooms and a playground are being planned for the centre of the compound and a new road is to be laid to this new development. Amidar is also completing the second block in the Shikun Amanal project for occupancy by Pessah. Work on 62 more units will begin in the spring.

Seven hundred Mt. Canaan and *ma'barа* children receive two hot meals a day under the Children's Nutrition Scheme. The sum of IL12,000 has been allocated to kitchen improvements, and IL10,000 to classrooms and equipment and the expansion of the playing field as well as an agricultural area where the youth will be given agricultural instruction.

No efforts are being spared to attract more industrial enterprises to Safad. The Safad branch of the Elite Ramat Gan factory will add to its local enterprise by importing from Italy a fully equipped cigarette plant. Its owner is planning the establishment of a factory for instant coffee and a finishing plant for processing chocolate wrapping paper in the new industrial zone as well as expand its existing plant. These enterprises are slated to provide work for 200 workers.

In addition, Alei Tabac plans to build large storerooms for processing and storing its tobacco and will employ 60 workers; Kaiser Frazer plans to assemble its Kat-Na scooters in the town and also open a service station on Mount Cana'an. One group of capitalists has plans for a diamond polishing factory while another is negotiating with the Ministry of Finance for the construction of villas and cooperative houses. The establishment of a meat-processing plant for meat imported by Incoda from Eritrea is also mooted.

The promise that a Tourist Office would be opened in Safad has been elicited from a conversation between the Mayor and Mr. T. Kollek in Jerusalem and it has been decided that the man employed in Tiberias during the winter would take over in Safad during the summer.

The Municipality is to begin carrying out its plans to erect a 1,000-seat amphitheatre on Fortress Hill. An illustrated brochure on Safad as a vacation resort is being issued jointly by the Municipality, the Artists Association and the local hoteliers. A central rest house for the Israel police force with a modern swimming pool is to be built on Mount Cana'an.

A modern cafe has been erected on a lofty hill on the ruins of the former Max Pine Trade School by Yitzhak Reuveni, one of Safad's veteran settlers.

The Municipality has decided to open its sittings to the public and the Press, which follow its deliberations with keen interest. The hundreds of letters on various and sundry matters sent in by residents are attended to with dispatch, and not a single one of them goes unanswered. The City Engineer has no assistant and the town does not boast a Town Clerk, and in a pinch the Mayor himself, whose working day begins at six o'clock in the morning, pitches in. His chief desire is to see to it that things run smoothly and efficiently.

MUSICAL DIARY

The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. Fourth Subscription Concert, with Yehudi Menuhin (Ohel Shem Hall, December 13). Menahem Avidom: Symphony No. 4; Bela Bartok: Concerto for violin and orchestra; Dvorak: Symphony No. 4 in G-major.

IN the Avidom Symphony I liked the second movement best with its derivations of *hora* rhythms, but in general I found the lack of unity in style somewhat disturbing.

The three movements of the powerful Bartok concerto are closely related in their thematic material mainly through the characteristic interval of the perfect fourth. But of course most of the interest centred around the distinguished guest Yehudi Menuhin. The violinist was somewhat reserved at the start but quickly warmed up to the elegiac flow of the first theme, coming to an impressive climax of expression in the second movement with its lyrical, and then somewhat ghostly beauty. The very difficult motoric passages were, of course, played with ease. The encore, Beethoven's Romance in F major, was received with the greatest of enthusiasm.

Conductor Georg Singer proved again that he is in many respects superior to many of the guest conductors we have heard this season. The orchestra, which had done well in the entirely new Avidom and the difficult Bartok work, was completely at home in Dvorak's fourth. The conductor identified himself with the work so fully that one almost imagined him stepping down from the podium, taking up a cello and beginning to play one of those melodious Dvorak tunes himself.

Y. R.

Hilde Zadek, soprano. Assisted by Yosef Tal, piano. (December 17, Y.M.C.A. Hall). Dvorak: Gypsy Songs; Tal: Three Songs; J. Mas: El Vito; Ravel: "Shéhérazade"; Debussy: Aria from "L'Enfant Prodigue"; Verdi: Aria from "Aida;" Puccini: Aria from "Tosca."

ALTHOUGH *Kammersaengerin* Hilde Zadek is far more at home with operatic items than with songs, the remarkable intensity of her personality might permit us to overlook her stylistic shortcomings in the latter realm. To raise the lukewarm "Gypsy Songs" to the boiling point was in itself a worthy deed. The question is only whether such trifles are always translatable into a true artistic experience. The three Tal songs (a first performance) did stand the test, perhaps because they require an intellectual approach. On the other hand, "El Vito" is much too close to folk music to bear an arty treatment: its simplicity demands a direct, down-to-earth rendition.

The second half cast a magic spell on us. The grandeur of Miss Zadek's dramatic side places her among the best sopranos of our day. Her warm and velvety middle and low range are particularly admirable.

Mr. Tal's sensitive, first-class assistance at the piano made him a double success — as composer and as accompanist.

"Collegium Musicum." Sponsored by Kol Yisrael. Antonia Lavanne, soprano; Ephraim Marcus, recorder; Max Lampel, organ; Arieh Sachs, harpsichord and piano; Isiah Braker, violin; Arieh Mirkin, violin; Yaakov Menze, cello; Alexander Spielmann, percussion. (Y.M.C.A. Hall, December 19).

THE most interesting piece, in our opinion, was Virgil Thomson's Five Phrases from "The Song of Solomon" for soprano and percussion, never before performed in this country. Its rather intriguing combination of solo voice and drums, cymbals and wood block succeeds at what we may call evoking an imaginary Middle East. Miss Lavanne mastered the anything but easy floridi of her part, and Mr. Spielmann supported her worthily with a delicate accompaniment.

We next had the opportunity of making the acquaintance of Ephraim Marcus, who demonstrated his brilliancy on the recorder in a Trio Sonata by Loeillet and in Handel's Cantata, "Nell' dolce dal Obblio" (the solo part sung by Miss Lavanne). Another of Miss Lavanne's deliveries was an aria from J. Chr. Bach's "La Clemenza di Scipione" which she rendered with expert musicianship.

The partly repaired organ of the "Y" gave Mr. Lampel a good opportunity to do more with the instrument than had been possible during the past two seasons. Smooth pedal work, amazingly non-mechanical use of the swell and fascinating colour mixing helped us really enjoy his playing of three selections by Pachelbel, Buxtehude and Bach. Mr. Sachs, the initiator of "Collegium Musicum," alternated at the harpsichord and the piano as the moving spirit of this pleasant and praiseworthy evening.

"Collegium Musicum" has taken up the task of acquainting us with less-known music. It is succeeding in this object signally.

Y. ZARAI

Abroad

CONDUCTING the Angelicum Orchestra a fortnight ago, Arthur Gelbrun earned the unstinted praise of the Milan press for the bold programme of modern music as well as for his splendid interpretation, stressing his musical sensitivity and his clear self-expression.

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The young Israel pianist, Varda Nishry, gave her first piano recital in the Small Hall of the Amsterdam "Concertgebouw" on Sunday afternoon, December 11. Most Dutch press reviews were very favourable and praised her very promising talent, thorough technical training and a true, inborn musicality, though there is still scope for progress and maturation.

N. B.

YESTERDAY'S PRESS — BORDER WITH IRAQ

"LAMERHAV" (Ahdut Ha'avoda), examining the upheavzl on the other side of the Jordan, feels we must not tolerate the creation of a Greater Iraq on our eastern border. There are also indications that Arab leaders in Western Palestine, spurred on by Haj Amin, are clamouring for the annexation of Jordan to Syria with an eye to hastening a showdown with Israel. The utmost vigilance is necessary.

"Herut" writes that we have missed opportunities galore to recover the areas arbitrarily torn away from our country. There were even times when foreign observers stood waiting, stop-watch in hand, for us to take the decisive and logical step. But we faltered and merely adopted a policy of "self-restraint." The rapid developments in Jordan will soon confront us with the choice between liberating those parts of our homeland now in the hands of the disintegrating "kingdom" or sharing our eastern border with Iraq.

"Hatzofe" (World Mizrahi) observes that even if the Arab Legion succeeds in silencing opposition in Jordan, that will not constitute a long-term solution of the rivalry between Egypt and Syria on the one hand and the Baghdad Pact countries on the other; indeed, it may even endanger Jordan's existence.

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) writes that the speakers at the Security Council have once again chosen to ignore the basic factors of Middle East tension. Nasser's declaration that he will be happy "to see the Egyptian and Syrian armies meeting on the ruins of Israel" proves that he no longer needs to hide his real intentions; the 95 per cent of arms which he has already received under the "transaction" are destined to be used not against the U.S.S.R. or the Baghdad Pact countries, but against Israel. The Security Council is bound to miss the mark if it continues to ignore these salient facts. As for us, the paper goes on, there is nothing more dangerous than to embark on a "preventive war" since you cannot prevent war by going to war. We must stand our ground, do our best to ensure peace but be continually on watch against enemy attacks.

"Haboker" (General Zionist) writes that the shapers of the West's Middle East policy always based themselves on the axiom that the Moslem Arabs, thanks to their conservatism and hidebound religion, constituted an impenetrable bloc against Communism. They then built Western Middle East policy on the perpetuation of desolation and ignorance. They offered the Arabs arms, but attached strings to their offer. Along came the Russians and handed them arms but stipulated nothing. The same holds for the Aswan Dam. Even in Jordan, where the British felt they were masters of the situation, their influence seems to be going with a single sweep.

Personality Portrait

Actor-Playwright from Cairo

By GIDEON WEIGERT

THERE have been several drama groups composed of Arabic-speaking immigrants in this country, but none have been headed by an actor and playwright who passed in three decades from the theatres of Alexandria to the stages of Broadway and Montmartre and thence, last year, to a *ma'bara* near Tel Aviv. With his new play, "The Talisman from India," Matthew Ismaeli makes his first bow before Israel audiences and at the same time realises a self-imposed mission.

Born in Cairo as Matthew Ismalun in 1916, he attended the Tewfikia School, where at the age of nine he was chosen a member of the drama group. It was for this group that he wrote a sketch soon afterwards. It was to be the first of 29 dramas and comedies written in the course of his playwriting career.

Picked out by the leading theatrical producers in the Egyptian capital, Messrs. Georges Abyad and Aziz Id, to perform boys' roles in their company, at the age of 12 Ismaeli headed his own troupe of 20 youngsters at the Valeron Casion in Gizeh. In the early "thirties his family moved to Alexandria, where his company performed nightly before packed houses at the Ambassador, scene of Farouk's nightly tryst. "The trouble with the Egyptian theatre," he says, "is that we tried to cater to the masses instead of lifting them up as the Israel theatre does." His own programmes consisted of a one-hour non-stop revue followed by a two-hour play, always a comedy.

Ismaeli then spent five years with an "Oriental Number" on Broadway, coming to Israel last year after several months on the stages of Paris and Rome, where he learned what there was for him to learn. His immediate object is to entertain hundreds of thousands of Arabic-speaking immigrants, but once there is peace with the Arab states he wants his company to become an ambassador of goodwill touring the Arab countries and telling them about our life in their own language.

Since his arrival, Ismaeli has been studying the life of immigrants from Arabic-speaking countries closely, coming to the conclusion that while the younger generation has found outlets for its creativity, their parents keenly suffer from the loss of their comforts and often yearn for "the fleshpots of Egypt." This observation gave birth to the "Talisman from India," which is designed to shock the audience into realizing that the happiness and security to be found in this country are more important than wealth.

"The Talisman" is the first Arabic play to take up immigrant life in Israel seriously, plunging you from the start into the conflict between the old generation and the youth who share a *ma'bara* hut in the Jerusalem corridor and doing a convincing job of proving that security is worth more than IL-10,000. Although the other participants in the play have a long way to go before they become full-fledged actors, Ismaeli carries the day and this first modest attempt may give this country, after much patience and a good deal of effort, its first serious Arabic theatre.

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